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1. Although intelligence reports from the China Mainland indicate about 1,000,000 Chinese Communist troops in and around Korea, the Chinese military attache in Korea estimates that 350,000 Chinese Communist troops are in Korea, with the number north of the Yalu River unknown. The following is the Chinese Communist strength in and around Korea as reported by China mainland intelligence:
  - a. The 38, 39, 40, 42 and 50 Armies, three artillery regiments, one independent signal corps regiment, and two truck companies from the 4 Field Army.
  - b. The 20, 26, 27, 30 and 32 Armies, and three truck regiments from the 3 Field Army.
  - c. The 15 and 61 Armies from the 2 Field Army.
  - d. The 5 and 6 Armies from the 1 Field Army.
  - e. The 36 and 37 Armies and one railroad regiment from the 5 Field Army.
  - f. Six newly recruited regiments and one independent signal corps regiment from the North China Military Area, and other newly recruited regiments from other military areas.
  - g. Two Mongolian cavalry regiments.
  - h. About 100,000 troops in service corps from various places in China.
2. Statistics compiled by the Chinese military attache show that the number of Nationalist troops in the Chinese Communist Army has declined from 80 percent to 30 percent. The other 70 percent comprises new recruits or former Nationalist troops. The Chinese Communists have been keeping veteran combat troops who have

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been thoroughly indoctrinated with Marxism and Stalinism in China proper for the suppression of guerrillas and in anticipation of a Nationalist counteroffensive which is expected soon, especially with United States help (C-6). Nationalist strategists have analysed that the Chinese Communists have been having trouble at home which has prevented them from using their best troops in Korea.

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3. In view of the above analysis, the Chinese Communists cannot gain anything in waging the present Korean war and are, therefore, eager for a peace acceptable to them to save face. However, according to Nationalist intelligence both from Korea and the China mainland, the number of Communist casualties as reported by the United States 8 Army is far from correct. Communist losses from Allied air attacks are overestimated. Nationalist experience during the Sino-Japanese war was that very few were killed by air strafing or bombing. Most of them were killed in action in the so-called "human sea" attacks.

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